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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION: Yoshiharu KANDA, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/660,691

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EXAMINER: MOONEY, MICHAEL P.

FOR: OPTICAL FIBER AXIAL ALIGNMENT METHOD AND RELATED DEVICE, AND
OPTICAL FIBER FUSION SPLICING METHOD AND RELATED DEVICE

LETTER SUBMITTING REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEET(S)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Alexandria, VA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the below indicated communication, the following drawing sheets are submitted herewith:

- 2 Replacement Drawing Sheets _____ New Drawing Sheets
- Official Action dated MAY 3, 2006
 Notice of Allowance/Issue Fee dated _____
 Other dated _____

The changes and/or modifications made include the following:

Figures 1-3 are labeled "Related Art"

Respectfully Submitted,

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

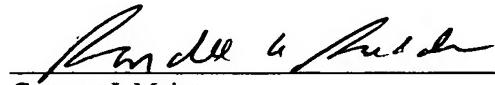
- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: Letter Submitting Replacement Drawings, Replacement Sheet(s) (2)

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	22	MINUS	24	0	x \$50 =	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	4	MINUS	4	0	x \$200 =	\$0.00
APPLICATION SIZE		MINUS	100	(each addtl. 50 sheets)	x \$250 =	\$0.00
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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS						\$0.00
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- A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached.
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- Please charge any additional Fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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